RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on Monday, the May 2, 2005/Vaisakha 12, 1927 (Saka)

(Ministries: Culture; Development of North Eastern Region; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Human Resource Development; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Mines; Parliamentary Affairs; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development; Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation)

Total number of questions —155

National Museum on Freedom Movement

- 4021. SHRI MANOJ BHATTA-CHARYA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are going to establish shortly a National Museum on Freedom Movement;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (c) the location of the Museum?

Development of Takshila

- 4022. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether during the recent visit of the Chief Minister of Punjab to Pakistan and agreement was reached for cooperation in developing Takshila as a multi-cultural tourist destination;
- (b) whether the Chief Minister, while offering a donation of Rs. 11 lakh, promised to raise funds for such development of Takshila, in view of the pilgrimage value for Hindus, Muslims and Budhists with

ancient temples, mosques and Budhist Stupas;

- (c) whether Government have also considered participation in the development of Takshila in Pakistan as a multi-cultural centre; and
- (d) if so, the decision taken by Government in this regard?

Safdarjung Tomb

- 4023. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry has shown interest for beautification and upkeep of Safdarjung Tomb;
- (b) if so, whether trade and corporate bodies are interested in monuments already protected by the ASI, which are in better shape than the unprotected monuments; and
 - (c) whether Government would revise

its policy to entrust unprotected monuments to such associations who can render financial and physical assistance towards rejuvenating the unprotected monuments to save them from near extinction?

Guidelines on heritage sites

- 4024. SHRI MANOJ BHATTA-CHARYA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are thinking of formalising the guidelines on heritage sites:
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether views of the State Governments have been elicited on the inclusion of the various sites located in the respective States as the heritage sites; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Conservation of heritage buildings

4025. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Municipal Corporation of Delhi has planned to conserve the heritage buildings within its jurisdiction;
- (b) if so, the number of buildings that have been brought within the ambit of this agency; and
- (c) Government's action plan to revamp the historic buildings/places to conserve their heritage character?

Birth place of Rani Laxmibai

†4026. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have any plan to develop the birth place of Rani Laxmibai situated at Varanasi; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

Inclusion of Belur as World Heritage Site

- 4027. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is any proposal to ensure that Belur in Karnataka is included in the list as World Heritage Site; and
- (b) whether any team/experts from UNESCO have visited Belur in this regard?

Historical monuments

- 4028. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that many historical monuments are in very dilapidated conditions;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to renovate these monuments;
- (c) whether Government are aware that many monuments are being misused by the anti-social elements; and
- (d) if so, the preventive steps taken by Government?

Recovery of priceless antiques by CBI

- 4029. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
 - (a) whether it is a fact that a number of

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priceless antiques and other articles, seized by the CBI during raids on illegal artifact dealers and smugglers, are lying in CBI godowns in Delhi;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether these articles are handed over to ASI only after cases are disposed of and by then they undergo unrepairable damage due to lack of care; and
- (d) if so, the measures taken by CBI for proper maintenance and preservation of these articles?

Classical languages

4030. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the Indian languages that are notified as the classical languages and the benefits that may accrue on such notified classical languages;
- (b) whether Tamil has been notified as a classical language; if so, when;
- (c) whether there was any representation that the said notification has been found to be defective and warranted correction:
- (d) whether it is a fact that the Tamil language, that has been notified as a classical language, has been allocated to his Ministry instead of having been kept under the Ministry of Human Resource Development; and
- (e) by doing so, would it not loose certain privileges and benefits?

Funds for NER

- 4031. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:
 - (a) whether Government are aware that

the chunk of funds it is pouring into the North-Eastern Region is being siphoned away by some officers acting in connivance with the underground outfits;

- (b) if so, for how long this state of affairs has been going on and what is the amount involved;
- (c) the steps being taken to identify such officers, amount involved and to fix responsibility; and
- (d) what precautions Government would adopt to ensure that the sum of Rs. 9,308 crore earmarked in the latest Budget to develop the NE does not meet the same fate?

Development of NER

- 4032. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the P.M. has recently addressed the reconstituted North Eastern Council in New Delhi;
- (b) if so, the main thrust in his address; and
- (c) what specific measures were outlined to ensure an integrated and holistic development of the North-Eastern Region?

Allocation for NER

- 4033. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of the budgetary allocation for DONER during the current financial year for the North-Eastern Region particularly for Nagaland for enhancement of the communication facilities;

- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government to increase the budget allocation for economic development of the region?

NEC roads

- 4034. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:
- (a) the NEC roads that have been completed last year, running as yet and not yet undertaken for works though sanctioned;
- (b) the number of roads that are to be sanctioned during 2005-06; and
- (c) whether the norms of linking more than two States by an NEC road would be changed for Tripura, as it is encircled by Bangladesh?

Introduction of Euro-III standard for automobiles

- 4035. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Euro-III standard in automobiles cars has been made applicable in the country;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) how far it would increase the cost of the cars manufactured by Maruti Udyog Limited and other companies;
- (d) whether any deadline has been fixed to ensure that all cars in the country conform to Euro-III standard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Recruitment in PSUs

- 4036. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to refer to reply to Starred Question 163 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th March, 2005 and state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that recruitment has been stopped in the PSUs; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

Loss making PSUs

4037. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: SHRI S. ANBALAGAN:

- Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of the loss making Central Public Sector Enterprises;
- (b) the loss incurred by them during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether a Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises has been established to address the issues pertaining to revival and restructuring of PSEs; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by BRPSE to revive the loss making PSEs?

Revival of PSUs

4038. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR: SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

- Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of sick PSUs referred to BRPSE for revival/restructuring so far;

- (b) the number of revival scheme forwarded by BRPSE to Government;
- (c) the action taken on the recommendations, unit-wise; and
- (d) the action taken by Government to meet statutory dues like salary, wages, etc. of the workers of the sick PSUs running on cash losses, which are yet to be referred to BRPSE for revival?

National Automotive Testing and R&D Infrastructure Project in Tamil Nadu

4039. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have recently received any request from the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for setting up of National Automotive Testing and R&D Infrastructure Project in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, whether Government have taken any action thereon;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Revitalization of PSUs

4040. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have earmarked Rs. 1,500 crore for revitalization of PSUs;
- (b) if so, the details of the units that are proposed to be strengthened;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government propose to write off the liabilities of the sick units; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Expansion programme of BHEL

- 4041. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that BHEL is on an expansion spree with an investment of around Rs. 1000 crores;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the company has also shown excellent financial results for the year 2004-05:
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the export turnover of the company during the above period?

Network of fake certificates

- 4042. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that a network of providing fake secondary and higher secondary school certificates of CBSE and other boards is going on rampant in various parts of the country especially in U.P. and Bihar:
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by Government to stop this network which is creating havoc in the society?

Kendriya Vidyalayas

†4043. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of the Kendriya Vidyalayas which have been opened during the last three years; and
- (b) the number of teachers appointed in the Kendriya Vidyalayas during the above period?

Quota for MPs for admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas

4044. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in view of the fact that there are good number of cases of the people of one State living in the other States for the purpose of livelihood, Government would allow the MPs to recommend admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas across the country;
- (b) whether it is necessary that the institutions should be Central Government institutes necessarily for such admission offices:
- (c) whether Government are thinking to enhance the quota for recommendations by an MP;
- (d) whether the process of recommendation would be easier; and
- (e) whether this recommendation system would be extended for higher education also?

NGOs engaged in Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

†4045. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Non-Governmental Organisations engaged by his Ministry in Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan during last three years and the amount released to them;
- (b) the names of such foremost Non-Governmental Organisations which have been given the amount of over 10 crores of rupees;
- (c) whether their activities have been verified during these years and the reliability of these institutions got certified; if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether the amount spent by these institutions was verified and if so, the number of the institutions blacklisted for misuse of funds?

Reconstitution of Central Advisory Board of Education

4046. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Central Advisory Board of Education has been reconstituted recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the goals set for the reconstituted board;
- (c) whether new committees have been set up to address critical issues in education; and
- (d) if so, the details of the issues identified for the purpose and by when decisions would be taken on those issues?

Students in rural schools

- 4047. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that NCERT had recently organized a conference of the rural

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teachers to discuss the National Curriculum Framework review:

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the participants had conveyed their concern that rural schools are not getting enough students;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) what steps NCERT proposes to ensure that there are sufficient students in the rural schools?

Prosecution powers to National Commission for women

4048. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Commission for Women has powers to prosecute guilty for the offences committed against women and children:
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether it is proposed to empower the commission with suitable powers;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Suicide by students

- †4049. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that as a result of existing education system and commercialisation thereof tragedy like suicide among students has arisen due to increasing competition among students and failure in the same;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that our education system and prevailing defects in evaluation system are primarily behind this tendency; and
- (d) if so, the measures being taken by Government to check this tendency?

Measures for schools hit by Tsunami Disaster

4050. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has set up a group of experts to assess the damage and suggest measures for the schools hit by the Tsunami disaster; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Mid-Day-Meal Scheme

†4051. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to implement 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan' and 'Mid-Day-Meal Scheme' jointly;
- (b) if so, by when the said scheme is likely to be implemented; and
- (c) the details of the amount sanctioned by Government for Mid-Day-Meal Scheme during the current year, State-wise?

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Empowerment of women through education

- 4052. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are considering for empowering women through education;
- (b) if so, in what manner and by when and the number of women expected to be benefited; and
- (c) whether Government are aware that society is expected to provide equal opportunities for women in development sector and income generation in the family; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Funds for women and child development schemes

4053. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds earmarked for women and child development schemes during the last three years;
- (b) the details of the funds utilised in various States; and
- (c) the details of the projects likely to be undertaken during the next two years for development of women and child development?

Unavailability of NCERT text books

4054. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that NCERT books are not available in the market although the new academic session has started w.e.f. the 1st April, 2005;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the factors responsible for the delay in printing of books; and
- (c) the measures taken by Government to ensure that NCERT books are made available in the market well before the academic session starts?

Increase of students in Primary Education Sector

†4055. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA: SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether mid-term appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan has revealed the fact that the number of students taking admissions has increased in Primary Education Sector and the rate of drop-outs upto Class V has also decreased;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the assessment with regard to the extent of improvement in the future and by when?

Admission in Colleges/Universities

†4056. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 7 per cent to 8 per cent children in the age group of 18 to 23 years are able to get admission in the colleges or universities;

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- (b) if not, the exact assessment of these figures;
- (c) whether Government have chalked out any new schemes in order to increase the number of such admissions and to increase the number of regular colleges; and
 - (d) if so, the target set for the purpose?

Selection and promotions in Delhi University

†4057. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that as per rules actions like selection and promotion should not be taken prior to completion of tenure of the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Delhi but lecturers and professors are being appointed there on large scale since last few days by flouting the rules of UGC and his Ministry;
- (b) if so, whether it is also a fact that selection committees are being constituted without obtaining approval of academic council; and
- (c) if so, the action taken by Government to check flouting of rules?

Extension of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan upto 10th Class

4058. DR. KARAN SINGH: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has made recommendation for conducting mid-term appraisal to consider extension of SSA mission upto Class 10 by promoting public-private partnership;

- (b) whether according to the planning panel, after successful implementation of the SSA, there would be increased demand for secondary education and in order to meet it the present Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, which is only for primary class, may be expanded upto Class 10;
- (c) if so, whether Government have considered the Planning Commission's recommendations; and
- (d) if so, by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

World Bank assistance for primary education in M.P.

- †4059. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the State Government of Madhya Pradesh has sought financial assistance from the World Bank for development of the primary education in the State;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Central Government have forwarded the said proposal to the World Bank; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Award of Degrees in Delhi University

†4060. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of research scholars in Delhi University who submitted their Ph.D. thesis by the 31st March, 2005 along with the number of those who have been awarded degree as well as those who have not been awarded degree as yet;

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- (b) the reasons for the delay and whether it is a fact that their guides failed to forward their thesis and whether there are such guides too who could not get completed even a single thesis during the last twenty years; and
- (c) if so, in what manner Government would ensure that the scholars are awarded degree timely?

Allocation for Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalayas

4061. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Kendriya Vidyalayas and the Navodaya Vidyalayas; State-wise;
- (b) the allocation made to the KVs and NVs during the last five years; year-wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that plan allocation for NVs is four times higher than the KVs; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor when its out-reach is for less than the KVs?

Vacancies of Principals in Kendriya Vidyalayas

4062. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country, State-wise;

- (b) whether it is a fact that a number of posts of Principals are lying vacant and if so, the number thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the procedure adopted by Government to appoint Principals of KVs;
- (d) the details of the Principals appointed on *ad hoc* basis/deputation in KVs, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken to fill up the vacancies?

Distance Education Council

4063. SHR K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the mandate given to the Distance Education Council under the IGNOU Act,
- (b) what measures the Council is taking to maintain the standards in the higher distance education system;
- (c) the details of the allocation made to IGNOU during the last five years; year-wise;
- (d) whether it is a fact that allocation to IGNOU has come down during the last five years; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, year-wise and the reasons therefor?

Upgradation of skills of women

4064. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any

initiatives to upgrade the skills of women through training;

- (b) if so, the salient features thereof; and
- (c) the number of women in the organised sector who are expected to be benefited, State-wise?

Urdu University in Rampur

4065. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his Ministry is aware of the fact that there is an effort by the U.P. Government to establish a Urdu University in Rampur;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by his Ministry to facilitate establishment of such a University as soon as possible;
- (c) the grant given to the Maulana Azad Open Urdu University of Hyderabad during the last five years; and
- (d) whether there is a proposal to increase the grant to this University?

Availability of Urdu text books in Bihar

4066. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the inadequate availability of Urdu text books in the schools in Bihar; and
- (b) if so, what steps are being taken to solve the problem?

Beneficiaries under I.C.D.S. Projects

4067. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the number of beneficiaries under I.C.D.S. project in each State indicating the figures of the children under 3 years, between 3 to 6 years and pregnant and lactating mothers?

Funds allocated to centraly run educational institutions

4068. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds allocated for the Centrally run educational institutions during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government have any proposal to open more educational institutions including the schools during the Tenth Five Year Plan period; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

External financial assistance for promotion of education

4069. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Bank and the International Financial Institutions are providing financial assistance for promotion of education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years; and
- (c) the details of the achievements made so far in this regard?

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Central Universities in UP

†4070. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Universities in Uttar Pradesh which have been accorded the status of Central Universities during the last five years;
- (b) the number of the Universities of the State which are proposed to be accorded the status of Central University; and
- (c) by when this status is likely to be accorded?

Public educational institutions

- †4071. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of the public educational institutions approved during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government propose to open such more institutions during the current year in tribal dominated areas;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the norms being complied for the approval of new public educational institutions; and
- (e) the State-wise details of such institutions functioning in the country, amount spent thereon along with achievements thereof, institution-wise and State-wise?

Fake Certificates

4072. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the ill-practice of issue of fake certificates, in some parts of the country, for insanity of women to seek divorce;
- (b) if so, how many such rackets have been detected, State-wise; and
- (c) Government's action plan to control this menace?

Family Counseling Centres

- 4073. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) how many Family Counseling Centres are functioning to render advice on peace and harmony in families;
 - (b) the fund allocated to run them; and
- (c) how many of such FCCs are operative in Orissa?

Education mafia

- 4074. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1108 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th December, 2004 and state:
- (a) whether Government are aware that education sector is under the grip of education mafia in several States;
- (b) whether Government are aware that in Uttaranchal several retired employees of the education department have been denied their retirement benefits despite Allahabad High Court orders with reference to Writ Petition No: 2757 of 1995 due to vested interests who are demanding bribes to clear their pension dues;
- (c) what action has been taken against the official responsible;

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- (d) whether Government propose to order a CBI enquiry into the matter; and
 - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Periods in Kendriya Vidyalayas

- †4075. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of periods in Kendriya Vidyalayas has been reduced from nine to eight and as a result thereof the workload on teachers has increased:
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government are considering to restore the previous system?

Practicals for Tenth Class

- †4076. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of practicals organised for the students of Tenth class in the Kendriya Vidyalayas;
- (b) the amount allocated every year on laboratories for Tenth Class; and
- (c) the capacity of each laboratory in terms of the students?

Deemed Universities

- 4077. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of Deemed Universities, State-wise;
- (b) the number of such Universities recognised by the UGC and the State Governments, separately;

- (c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a Supreme Court's decision regarding cancellation of recognition of some of the universities recognized by the State Governments; and
 - (d) if so, the names of such Universities?

Development of higher education abroad

- †4078. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are considering to permit the Indian Universities for the development of higher education abroad; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the names of the universities selected for this purpose?

Mathematics laboratory

- 4079. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether CBSE has asked the schools to set up Mathematics Laboratory;
- (b) if so, the details of the circulars issued and the response of the schools thereto;
- (c) whether it is a fact that most of the schools are unable to set up such laboratory due to inadequate infrastructural facilities and financial/technical assistance from the authorities:
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken in this regard;
- (e) whether the State Educational Boards have also been requested to set up Maths Lab in the schools under their jurisdiction; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and their response thereto?

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Performance of Kendriya Vidyalayas

- 4080. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the criterion for admission in the Kendriya Vidyalayas;
- (b) whether these criterion have been strictly followed during the last three years;
- (c) whether any discretionary powers are vested with the management;
- (d) how do these Vidyalayas compare with the other good public schools in terms of curriculum, quality and performance;
- (e) whether the funds given for the Kendriya Vidyalayas are fully utilized/under utilized/diverted;
- (f) the reasons for the under utilization/diversion, if any;
- (g) whether it is a fact that several Kendriya Vidyalayas have been closed; and
 - (h) if so, the reasons therefor?

Rights of children

- 4081. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether India has signed the Charter 'Rights of children';
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) how many of the points in the Charter have been implemented by Government and the reasons for not implementing the remaining points?

Reservation for OBCs in admissions

4082. SHRI R. SHUNMUGA-SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether reservation for Other Backward Classes candidates in admissions to the courses are followed in the institutions offering higher educations and the institutions of excellence such as Indian Institute of Technology etc.;
- (b) if so, the names of such institutions; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Incentive grant to SSC Board

- 4083. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Government of Maharashtra had in a meeting of Education Minister held on August 10, 2004, suggested that on the basis of the number of students passing the National Talent Search Examination, conducted by NCERT an incentive grant should be given to SSC Board to improve their quality;
- (b) if so, the extent of grant sought and the manner of its utilization; and
 - (c) Government's decision thereon?

Courses on Peace Education for Teachers

- 4084. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the NCERT has advertised a Course called "A Course on Peace Education for Teachers";
- (b) the details of such courses offered by the NCERT;
- (c) how many such courses are being offered by the NCERT;

- (d) whether NCERT is also offering any courses on sensitive behaviour of teachers towards the poorer students in the rural areas:
- (e) what steps the NCERT would take to inculcate more sensitivity and sympathy amongst the teachers for the privileged children; and
- (f) the details of the courses offered which have a relevance to the treatment of students in the rural schools?

Free education to students

4085. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) how many State Governments have been imparting free education to the school students and up to which class this facility is available, State-wise;
- (b) whether there are any States not affording free education to school boys and girls, and if so, whether these States would also be brought at par;
- (c) the State where free education is extended up to college and university level, fully or partly;
- (d) what is the percentage of those taking elementary education up to the age of 14 years; and
- (e) by when, illiteracy would be eradicated?

Allocation for elementary education and mid-day meals scheme

4086. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

 (a) whether the budgetary allocations for the elementary education and mid-day meals scheme are inadequate considering the targets set on both counts;

- (b) whether the incremental allocation of Rs. 3142.00 crores for the Integrated Child Development Scheme is not adequate to cover the required cost of universal coverage of 17 lakh habitations in the country; and
- (c) whether against the existing 6.412 lakh anganwadis handling supplementary nutrition programmes, there is a need for 17 lakh anganwadis for universal coverage based on the existing norms?

Primary and upper primary Urdu education

4087. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that 85 per cent of Urdu-speaking population live in four States-Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra, but adequate facilities for imparting primary and upper-primary Urdu education are not available there;
- (b) if so, whether it is due to lack of financial resources, Urdu teachers and non-Urdu-inclusion curriculum; and
- (c) the steps Government are taking so that adequate education for Urdu language and further upgradation of its standard is ensured?

Posting of women teachers

4088. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal that women teachers would not be posted in the boys school;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) whether it is a fact that a couple of States have opposed the proposal; and
 - (d) if so, the names of such States?

Survey of elementary stage of school system

4089. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that there was an urgent need to institute a basic survey of the elementary stage of the school system to find out the shortcomings of the system; and
- (b) if so, by when such a survey would be instituted?

Plagiarism in Universities

4090. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that plagiarism has become a routine in Universities; and
- (b) if so, what measures would be taken to eradicate this menace?

Scrapping of school examinations

- 4091. SHRIB.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government propose to secure a consensus of the academic agencies for scrapping school examinations altogether and replace the same with internally administered weekly or monthly tests:
- (b) whether the proposed in-house assessment of the students' skill at the

- school level would tend to be lax, devoid of scrupulous assessment and valuation of students' skills by an outside examiner/ valuer: and
- (c) in order to destress the academic ambience at school level, whether Government would consider engaging voluntary counseling?

Drop-out rate

- 4092. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that drop-out rate between 1991-92 and 2001-02 had increased only in the five States *i.e.*, Assam, Goa, Sikkim, Meghalaya and Nagaland;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that drop-out rate has been increasing between 2001-02 and 2002-03 in nine States *i.e.* Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, M.P., Maharashtra, Nagaland, Orissa and Punjab;
- (c) if so, the steps his Ministry would take to reduce the drop-out rate; and
- (d) what concrete plan his Ministry has to achieve zero per cent of drop-out rate by 2007?

Disparities in education

- †4093. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that there are several disparities in imparting education; and
- (b) if so, the details of the efforts being made by Government for removing such disparities?

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalayas

- †4094. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalayas proposed to be opened in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh during 2004-05;
- (b) the number of such Vidyalayas Government are considering to open in 2005-06; and
- (c) the details of the locations of such vidyalayas in both the States?

Opening of Muslim Universities

- †4095. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the minority community particularly the muslim community is very backward in the field of education;
- (b) if so, the scheme formulated by Government to provide various facilities and opportunities to this community in the field of education and by when the scheme would commence and by when it would be completed, the State-wise details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government propose to open more muslim universities as per the requirement in other States on the lines of Aligarh Muslim University to educationally strengthen the muslim community?

New transfer policy in KVS

†4096. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the new transfer policy in Kendriya Vidyalayas;
- (b) whether this policy has been implemented;
- (c) the number of applications received under the new policy and the number of the applications on which the action has already been completed; and
- (d) whether the action is completed within a time frame, and if so the details thereof?

Shortage of students in rural areas

- 4097. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that according to the National Rural Teachers Conference, it is clear that the shortage of students that seems to worry the teachers the most in the rural areas;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government are aware that most of the parents in the rural areas are not interested in sending their wards to schools; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Shikshak Palak Sangh

†4098. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received from the Madhya Pradesh Government to increase the Centre's share in Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan from 75 per cent to 90 per cent besides providing money for training of 'Shikshak Palak Sangh';

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- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) Government's response thereto; and
- (d) if Government's response is in negative, the reasons therefor?

Cooperation with Afghanistan in media and information

- 4099. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that India has signed an MoU with Afghanistan on media and information;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India has committed on financial assistance also under this MoU; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Uplinking FDI in news channel

4100. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether television news channels with Foreign Institutional Investment can continue uplinking from India for another three months;
- (b) if so, whether as per the uplinking guidelines only 26 per cent FDI is allowed in news channel;
- (c) if so, the channels which would be benefited under three months extension:
- (d) whether Government would take a call on whether to allow 3 FIIs separately;

- (e) whether the industry expects Government to relax the guidelines and allow FIIs in the news channel; and
- (f) if so, by when Government would finalise the decision?

Conference of Ministers

4101. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the decisions arrived at the Conference of the Information and Broadcasting Ministers of the States?

Publication of books

- †4102. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of books published by the Department of Publication in Hindi, English, Urdu and other Indian languages during each of the last three years;
- (b) the details of the titles of these books, separately;
- (c) the expenditure incurred on these books, language-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to promote publication of books in Indian languages?

Lack of publicity of Schemes/Policies

- 4103. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have failed to give enough publicity to various Government Departments' Schemes/Policies;

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- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken in this regard?

Registration of newspapers and periodicals

4104. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it has come to Government's notice that the editors throughout the country are facing a lot of inconvenience in getting their titles approved as newspapers/periodicals are registered with the Registrar of Newspapers situated in Delhi;
- (b) whether Government have proposed any action to establish regional offices in the capital of all the States; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

DD News telecast from Chhattisgarh

†4105. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) by when the news would be telecast on Doordarshan from Raipur, the capital of Chhattisgarh;
- (b) whether it can be watched in all the districts of the State simultaneously;
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of the steps being taken in this regard?

Exploitation in film industry

4106. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of young people are being sexually exploited by the film industry people in the name of giving them opportunities as revealed in a recent scoop by a TV Channel;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) what steps are being taken by Government to check this unhealthy trend which threatens to destroy the basic fabric of the society?

Cancellation of uplinking licenses of private news channels

†4107. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a provision of cancelling uplinking licenses of those private news channels throughout the country which telecast objectionable programmes or which contravene rules;
- (b) if so, whether it is a fact that no stringent action has been taken so far against the open telecast of sex scandals recently; and
- (c) if so, for how long Government would keep on pretending that it would run campaign against telecast of obscene programmes by these channels and by when the existing laws would be strictly implemented?

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Advertisement in Panchjanya

4108. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: SHRI R.K. ANAND:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government had given an advertisement in the Newspaper 'Panchjanya' on the 7th March, 2004 for an event/function much later than the actual date of function:
- (b) whether it is not a violation of the guidelines issued by not giving the advertisement through DAVP; and
- (c) how much payment has been made against such advertisement?

DTH licence for Space TV

4109. SHRI MANOJ
BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI KARNENDU
BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Space TV company has applied for grant of DTH licence and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Ministry of Company Affairs has stated that application of the Space TV is against DTH guidelines;
- (c) whether the Ministry of Company Affairs has also commented on the pattern of the shareholder agreement between Tata Sons and Star TV Group for Space TV application for DTH and if so, the details thereof: and

(d) whether Government have finally decided to reject the Space TV application for DTH licence and if not, the reasons therefor?

Telecasting by Bangalore DD Kendra

4110. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the steps taken by the Bangalore Doordarshan Kendra to revive the daily movie programme and telecast of quality Kannada films?

Co-production agreements

- 4111. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government had taken a decision to sign Co-production Agreements with Italy followed by France, Germany, the United Kingdom and Singapore for providing liberal shooting conditions abroad at subsidized tariffs for Indian film makers:
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government are considering to initiate for a policy decision for creation of a single window system for shooting films at locations of their choice; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Private players for DTH services

- 4112. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have decided to open up Doordarshan's DTH to private players;

- (b) if so, the rules and regulations laid down for the purpose especially to exclude uncalled for obscenity, crime and violence from DTH: and
- (c) whether any private players have applied for such DTH services; if so, the details of the applications and the decision taken thereon?

DTH project of DD

- 4113. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether any assessment was made on the success or otherwise of DTH project of Doordarshan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the achievements of the project and the number of users of DTH;
- (c) the expenditure incurred by the Doordarshan and the income generated; and
- (d) the rationale behind to carry private TV Channels on DTH without any carriage fees?

Undesirable telecasts by cable network

- 4114. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a lot of undesirable telecasts, particularly with regard to children are carried through cable television network;
- (b) whether Government would launch a cable network in the country and carry only censored channels/programmes that could be viewed by all including children; and

(c) if not, whether Government would consider inviting private operators to launch such cable networks?

Violence and crimes in films and

- †4115. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the films and serials being made at present are encouraging violence and sex which is adversely affecting the young generation and crimes are being encouraged:
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of films and serials encouraging violence and sex produced during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to check violence and sex in future?

Extension to News and Current Affairs

- 4116. SHRI C. RAMACHAN-DRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government had given an extension of six months to the news and current affairs channels to raise the equity base of the Indian partners to 51 per cent;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the names of the news channels yet to conform to the norms for increasing the equity share of the domestic partners to 51 per cent; and
- (d) how many extensions have been served so far to these channels?

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Guidelines to broadcasters on equal time policy

- 4117. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware that advanced and developed countries have guidelines for all the private broadcasters and Government Information and Media to follow the "FAIRNESS Doctrine" or "Equal Time Policy";
- (b) the extent to which Government would ensure that news media, audio media, visual media would give equal time to all the political parties and private individuals in the media;
- (c) whether there are any such guidelines presently in operation or force;
- (d) the steps taken by Government to first bring Government media like Doordarshan a strict follower of the principles of Equal Time Policy; and
- (e) the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

Financial irregularities in purchase of video projections and equipments

- 4118. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the serious financial irregularities have been committed by the various departments of his Ministry in the process of procurement of video projections and other equipments;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the terms and conditions were also not adhered to; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Terrestrial transmission for private players

- 4119. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government are going to allow terrestrial transmission for the private players;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Captive TV Channels and Community Radio Station Scheme

- 4120. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) the progress made by the captive TV Channel and Community Radio Station Scheme started at the beginning of the Tenth Five Year Plan; and
- (b) the details of cities/towns covered by the captive TV Channel and the Community Radio Station in various States?

News and current affairs on private FM Radio

- 4121. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government are not open to the idea of allowing news and current affairs on the private FM Radio;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government had asked to a revenue share model for the private FM Radio instead of the existing licence fee regime which made the business unsustainable; and

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(d) if so, the details thereof?

Enactment of Optical Disc Law

- 4122. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating for enactment of an Optical Disc Law to prevent piracy;
- (b) the safety measures against piracy that the existing laws have;
- (c) the details of the cases filed during the last five years against the persons/ institutions involved in piracy; and
 - (d) the action taken against the culprits?

Increase in strength of Judges

- †4123. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the growing number of pending cases in various courts from district level to the level of Supreme Court;
- (b) if so, whether Government are considering to increase the number of Judges in the High Courts and Supreme Court for quick disposal of the cases; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

Delimitation of Constituencies

†4124. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

- Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) the date on which the action for delimitation of Lok Sabha and Assembly constituency was discontinued;

- (b) the reasons therefor;
- (c) by when fresh action would be initiated, for delimitation; and
- (d) the details of the progress made so far in this regard, State-wise and by when the work would be completed?

National Legal Literacy Mission

4125. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prime Minister had recently launched a National Legal Literacy Mission:
- (b) if so, the goals of the mission and the places from where the mission is likely to function:
- (c) whether Government had allocated any funds for the mission;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the manner in which the mission would achieve its goals without any funds allocation by Government?

Ban on contesting elections

- †4126. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that discussions have been held to reach a consensus among all the parties for making the individual having more than two children ineligible to contest the election as suggested by the Election Commission; and
 - (b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

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Allocation of funds for judiciary

- 4127. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have allotted sufficient funds for the judiciary in view of its role in peace and development of the people through dispute resolution and building confidence on the Constitution of India; and
- (b) if so, the ratio of funds allocated with respect to the GDP?

Pending corporate cases

- †4128. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of corporate cases are pending with various courts:
 - (b) if so, the number of such cases; and
- (c) the reasons for the pendency and by when Government propose to dispose off these cases?

Complaints of malpractices during elections

- 4129. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether complaints of malpractices committed during the recently concluded bye-election for Ajnala Constituency of Punjab Legislative Assembly have been received by the Election Commission of India;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by Government on the complaints?

Vacancies of SCs/STs in judiciary

- †4130. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of posts lying vacant at various levels as per the reservation policy for SCs/STs;
- (b) the steps Government have taken to fill the same; and
- (c) the number of SC/ST Judges appointed in the Supreme Court and High Courts?

Illegal quarrying in Kutch

- 4131. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware of the fact that illegal quarrying and mining in Kutch's Majestic Black Hill is threatening to destroy a fragile eco-system;
- (b) whether it is a fact that civil contractors had been blasting away deep inside the hills for granite and sand over the last two months despite the fact that part of it forms the Kutch Desert Wildlife Sanctuary; and
- (c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to stop illegal mining in the area and save the Black Hills?

Aluminium Plants

- 4132. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of the Aluminium Plants functioning at present both in private and public sector;
- (b) the details of the target fixed by all the plants with regard to production of

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aluminium during the last three years; and

(c) the performance and achievement of the above plants during this period?

Directorate of Mines Safety

- 4133. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the staff strength of Directorate of Mines Safety is not adequate with the size of mining industry;
- (b) the present sanctioned strength and the number of vacancies there, post-wise; and
- (c) what action Government have taken to fill up the vacancies?

Recommendations of National Commission for Minorities

- 4134. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the National Commission for Minorities has made any recommendations for job reservation for minorities in Government services;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the proposal is under Government's consideration; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Creation of corpus for physically challenged persons

- 4135. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has ordered Government for creation

- of Rs.723 crores corpus for the physically challenged persons from the excess amount released by Government by way of rounding off the interest tax and interest by the banks and other financial institutions from the borrowers for the last several years;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action that has been taken by Government in this regard?

Funds for purchase of aids and appliances

- 4136. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to earmark at least 25 per cent of the funds for girls and women under the scheme for assistance for purchase and fitting of various types of aids and appliances;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Government have decided to earmark 2 per cent of the annual allocation of funds for monitoring and evaluation; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

Status of proposals submitted by Chhattisgarh

- †4137. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of the proposals received from Chhattisgarh during January, 2003 to March, 2005;
- (b) the number of proposals cleared out of the above and those still pending; and
- (c) by when the pending proposals would be cleared?

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Displacement of children due to demolition of slums

4138. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any action has been taken on the memorandum submitted to Government during March 2005, regarding the demolition of slums in Mumbai which resulted in displacement of people and children out of school;
 - (b) if so, the action taken thereon; and
- (c) if no action has been taken so far the reasons therefor?

Schemes for socially backward, poor and weaker sections

- †4139. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of the schemes being run by her Ministry for upliftment of socially backward, poor and weaker sections of the society; and
- (b) the number of families benefited in Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan in 2003-04?

Implementation of welfare schemes in U.P.

- †4140. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the schemes implemented by Government for education and selfemployment of the orphans, handicapped men, women, children and widows in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years; and
 - (b) the amount allocated and that spent

for this purpose during the said period, district-wise?

Child and women trafficking

- 4141. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the US is considering to impose financial sanctions against India for not taking effective action to stop child and women trafficking in Mumbai and Kolkata; and
- (b) if so, the steps being taken to stop child and women trafficking?

Training institutes for disabled persons

- 4142. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of the institutions imparting education/professional training to the physically challenged persons in various States:
- (b) the number of such persons educated/professionally trained by these institutions during the last three years State-wise; and
- (c) the details of the financial allocations made to these institutions through respective States and utilization thereof?

Scheduled Castes in Assam

- †4143. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Scheduled Castes of the other States have not been

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included in the category of Scheduled Castes in Assam:

- (b) whether Government have received any proposal from the State Government to include these castes in Scheduled Castes category;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, Government's reaction to the demands being made by different organisations in this regard?

Funds for welfare of SCs and STs

- 4144. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the amount released by Government under the special component plan, central sector schemes and other programmes/schemes relating to welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Andhra Pradesh during the years 2003-04 and 2004-05;
- (b) whether the amount released had been fully utilised;
- (c) the steps taken to ensure that the amount released was properly utilized; and
- (d) the number of the persons belonging to SCs and STs benefited as a result thereof in the State during the above period?

Implementation of Central Schemes

- 4145. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that some of the Central schemes implemented by her Ministry for the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have been shifted to the State Governments;

- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) how Government would ensure that the funds allocated under these schemes for development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are not diverted for other work by the State Governments?

Powers to National Commission for Scheduled Castes

- 4146. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the National Commission for Scheduled Castes has no powers to punish the guilty in respect of cases heard by them;
- (b) if so, whether it is proposed to vest the commission with suitable powers;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Schemes for economic development of SCs/STs

- 4147. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are of the opinion that by only reserving certain percentage of jobs in Government and Semi-Government organizations it would not be adequate to uplift the persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; and
- (b) if so, the details of the concrete plans to improve the economic condition of the Scheduled castes and Scheduled Tribes especially the poorest of the poor in the country?

Commission for Economically Backward Classes

- 4148. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have approved continuation of the Commission for the Economically Backward Classes (EBCs);
- (b) if so, the terms of reference and the time-frame fixed for the Commission to make its recommendations?

Funds to Voluntary Organisations

- †4149. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of the funds sanctioned to the voluntary organisations in Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal and Maharashtra for the year 2004-05, scheme-wise and district-wise:
- (b) the details of the projects of the voluntary organisations from these States for the year 2004-05 which are still pending for approval; and
- (c) the reasons for not according sanction to these projects?

Omnibus Committee to monitor schemes for Dalits

- 4150. SHRIB.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have formed an Omnibus Committee to oversee implementation of different programmes and schemes under various Ministries and Departments related to welfare of Dalits; and

(b) whether the Committee would eliminate similar programme of the different Ministries overlapping each other for optimum utilisation of scarce fund allocations meant for Dalit welfare programmes?

Inclusion of certain tribes in the list of Arunachal tribes

- 4151. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have received any recommendation from the Government of Arunachal Pradesh regarding amendments to the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes)Order, 1950 seeking inclusion of certain tribes in the list of Arunachal tribes;
- (b) whether such recommendations suggest substitution of the term of certain tribes like 'DAFLA' by 'NYISHI' and 'ABOR' by 'ADI'; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by Government to remove such infirmities in the order?

Development of primitive tribals of Andhra Pradesh

- 4152. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of the primitive tribal groups in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether Government have initiated any area specific schemes for welfare and development of these tribal groups;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made in this regard; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme

- 4153. DR.M. A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of towns which have been covered under the Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme till date, Statewise:
- (b) the number of towns which have not yet been covered under this scheme, State-wise:
- (c) the reasons for this slow progress; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to speed up this process?

Issue of Tax-Free Municipal Bonds

- 4154. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have received any applications/request from the State Governments for issue of Tax-Free Municipal Bonds;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and municipality-wise;
- (c) whether their requests have been approved and communicated to those State Governments;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Plan to clear housing backlog in Delhi

4155. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government propose a big plan to clear all the backlogs in housing in NCT Delhi;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government propose to acquire and develop land in the outskirts of Delhi to meet the objective; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Mumbai Urban Transport Project

- 4156. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) when the second phase of the Mumbai Urban Transport Project and Mumbai Trans-Harbour Link is proposed to be taken up;
- (b) by when the work on four-and-half kilometer long freeway from Sewri to Nhava Sheva near Uran would start; and
- (c) by when the work is to be completed and the details of amount to be spent thereon?

Encroachments in Palam village

- 4157. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that BDO of South West Delhi had lodged an FIR with the Special Task Force, Delhi on the 18th October, 2001 about encroaching upon gram sabha land on the basis of false documents in Palam village but no action has been taken till date by STF against the encroachers:
- (b) if so, the reasons for the delay in taking action against the encroachers; and

(c) the steps taken to remove the encroachments?

CVC's directions to DDA

- 4158. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has asked the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) to take specific steps to curb illegal structures and encroachments; and
- (b) if so, the details of the steps taken by DDA in this regard and to fix accountability and responsibility of the officials who failed to check encroachments and coming up of unauthorized structures?

Mass Rapid Transport System

- 4159. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of cities in the country for which implementation of a Mass Rapid Transportation System has been sanctioned;
- (b) the details of the current status of project implementation, city-wise; and
- (c) the time-frame for completion of MRTS projects, city-wise?

Demolition of slums in Mumbai

- 4160. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that no alternative land and accommodation scheme has been provided to many victims of demolition drive during year 2005 in Mumbai's slum as on date;

- (b) if so, the details thereof including the area of slum cleared and the criteria followed in demolition of the slum:
- (c) whether land is utilised for low income housing in Mumbai as per the Urban Land Ceiling Act; and
- (d) if so, the details of such land utilised/ to be utilised during the last three years, year-wise?

Allocation of funds under IDSMT

- 4161. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of 'Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns' (IDSMT) programme;
- (b) the amount sanctioned under the programme to various States/UTs during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise:
- (c) whether Government of Karnataka has sent a few proposals for implementation under the IDSMT Programme;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether it is a fact that full allocation of the funds for implementation of the programme has so far not released to the State; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and by when the balance funds would be released?

Mass Rapid Transport System in Bangalore

- 4162. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Government of Karnataka has sought approval of the

Centre for its Mass Rapid Transport System at Bangalore on the lines of the Delhi Metro Rail; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the proposal?

Special Central assistance to water supply scheme for Bhopal

- †4163. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the amount of special central assistance for the scheme to supply water for Bhopal from Narmada, keeping in view the requirement of potable water of Bhopal city; and
- (b) if so, by when the said amount would be provided to the State Government?

Encroachments on Ajmal Khan Road

- 4164. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware of small traders blocking the roads and walkways on the main Ajmal Khan Road causing a lot of hardships to people; and
- (b) if so, the steps Government have taken or propose to take to remove encroachments on the main Ajmal Khan Road, New Delhi for smooth flow of pedestrians and traffic?

Major projects in Tamil Nadu

- 4165. SHRI R. SHUNMUGA-SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) what are the major projects undertaken by his Ministry in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) the details of the costs or estimates thereof?

Displacement of people due to beautification and development

- †4166. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that poor and labourers are being displaced in big cities including Delhi in the name of beautification and development;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the families displaced so far, year-wise; and
- (d) the measures being taken by Government to resettle them?

Central assistance for slum dwellers in Bangalore

4167. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: SHRI R.S. GAVAI:

Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Karnataka had sent any proposal seeking Central assistance to provide basic amenities and housing to the slum dwellers of Bangalore city under the Integrated Slum Development Project;
- (b) if so, the amount of Central assistance sought;
- (c) the number of slum dwellers proposed to be provided with housing and other basic amenities in Bangalore under the above project;

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- (d) the steps if any, taken by Government in this regard; and
- (e) the reasons for delay, if any, in clearing the project and by when it would be cleared?

Funds for urban poor

- 4168. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether her ministry provides funds or any other sort of assistance to the State Governments for providing basic facilities to the urban poor;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the assistance provided to State Government of Punjab during the last three years, year-wise?

Generation of urban employment

- 4169. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of the urban employment generated during the last two years; and
- (b) how Government propose to improve the employment opportunities in the urban centres?

Slum Upgradation Development Programme for Karnataka

4170. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: SHRI R.S. GAVAI:

Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the

- Government of Karnataka has submitted a project for Rs. 753.27 crore for the Slum Upgradation Development Programme for 21 class-I cities in the State;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the proposal is pending in the Ministry of Finance (Development of Economic Affairs); and
- (c) by when this proposal would be cleared?

Schemes for Bihar

- 4171. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of schemes being implemented for urban employment and poverty alleviation in Bihar;
 - (b) the allocations made for each scheme;
- (c) the details of the target groups for each schemes; and
- (d) the targets set in respect of each scheme?

National Housing and Habitat Policy

- 4172. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have set up a task force to review the National Housing and Habitat Policy, 1998;
- (b) if so, the composition of the task force and the term of reference thereof; and
- (c) by when the task force is likely to submit its report to Government?

Shelterless poor in urban areas

- 4173. DR. RADHAKANT NAYAK: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware of the number of shelterless urban poor in the country; and
- (b) if so, the programmes launched, financial, provisions made and time-frame envisaged to provide shelter to the shelterless in the shape of a 'pucca' house on a coherent norm?

Reduction in stamp duties

- 4174. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether all the States have agreed to bring down the stamp duty by 5 per cent or below, as planned in the Tenth Five Year Plan;
- (b) the names of the States that have agreed/implemented and not agreed to the proposal;

- (c) whether the reduction in stamp duty would boost the real estate sector and bring down the cost of housing to middle/low income groups;
- (d) whether any legislation is proposed to be introduced to implement the stamp duty reduction; and
 - (e) if so, the details thereof?

Action plan for slum dwellers in Mumbai

- †4175. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have launched any action plan for the betterment and comfortable life of slum dwellers in Mumbai;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any action plan is also being formulated for the people living in other small and big cities including Delhi; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

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